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Hensarling Statement on MoveOn.org Ad in New York Times

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Chairman of the Republican Study Committee, issued the following statement today calling on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and all elected Democrat Members of Congress to denounce a defamatory Moveon.org for baselessly attacking General David Petraeus in today's New York Times:

“On a day when partisanship should be put on hold to the extent possible, MoveOn has taken out a full page ad in the New York Times that disgracefully attacks a decorated four-star commanding general and questions his commitment to his country. Though MoveOn has the freedom to opine as it wishes, that does not preclude elected Democrat members of Congress from pushing back against such slanderous charges, no matter their personal opinion on the ongoing military efforts in Iraq.

“The men and women serving our nation deserve our full respect and gratitude, regardless of one's political ideology. Though we live in a tumultuous world in which opinions are bound to differ, there is a right way and a wrong way to conduct oneself and there is a difference between class and classless. And while no one would argue that the nature of our political system allows time for Democrats to be Democrats and Republicans to be Republicans, today is not one of those times. Today, Americans from across the political spectrum must come together as we decide the next steps for our nation and our military effort.

“I urge Majority Leader Reid, Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, the Democrat leadership and ALL Democrat Members of Congress to reject this disgraceful ad and listen to General Petraeus before participating in the political spin that all too often corrupts reality. General Petraeus has, at minimum, earned that respect.”

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Congressman Jeb Hensarling is Chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC).